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Pre-matric Scholarships
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides pre-matric scholarship to OBC students and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount that is being given for each student;

(c) whether the said amount is highly inadequate and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to increase this amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)
(a): Yes. The details of the scheme are annexed.
(b): The rate of scholarships and ad-hoc grant under the scheme is as under:
I. Hostellers:
The students as hostellers are covered from class III to X. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

Class III to VIII Rs. 200/- per month for 10 months
Class IX to X Rs. 250/- per month for 10 months

II. Day Scholars
The students as day scholars are covered from Class I to Class X. The rates of scholarships are as under:-

Class I to V Rs. 25/- per month for 10 months
Class VI to VIII Rs. 40/- per month for 10 months
Class IX to X Rs. 50/- per month for 10 months

III. Ad-Hoc Grant
An ad-hoc grant of Rs. 500/- per student per annum to all students i.e. hostellers as well as day scholars are also given.
(c), (d) & (e): This scholarship amount is in addition to the facilities provided under Right to Free & Compulsory Education, 2005. For the increase in scholarship rates, which involves huge financial implications, the Department of Expenditure has not committed or assured any additional resources.
Moreover, the existing budget provision is utilized for covering the poorest of poor (below double poverty line) among the OBCs under the scheme every year.